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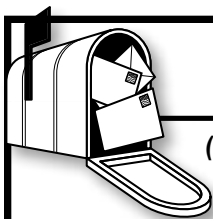
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(This column is composed of articles received in the club newsletters from across the great state of West Virginia.)

The Mountaineer Woman's Club members learned the old-fashioned art of schennerschnitte (fancy paper cutting) at the January meeting. They made doves and progressed to snowflakes and evergreen trees.

GFWC Woman's Club of Montgomery is preparing for its annual yard sale which will be held during the city-wide yard sale.

Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts the Harrisville Woman's Club members each donated \$10 or an amount of their choice which was given to the Heifer Foundation.

Speakers for the January meeting of the Shinnston Woman's Club were Braden Noon, Director of the Bice Ferguson Memorial Museum and Debby Starkey, Librarian, Lowe Public Library. A monetary collection was taken for the Lords Pantry.

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club members are busy making approximately 1000 Easter eggs.

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GFWC West Virginia President's Message



Communication is so important to the health of an organization. "Is the Phone Tree Dead", was the topic of a recent email from the GFWC Communications and Public Relations Chairman. The important thing to remember is regardless of the tool used, it is message that keeps our

members informed and involved. There are many tools that this administration uses to disseminate the information to members. In addition to the print media we have several electronic tools that we are using. With the available of the Internet club presidents can receive the state newsletter by email or by US postal delivery. The state sponsors a website and a Facebook page. Several clubs also use these methods to contact members. In addition to the speed with which we can communicate through these electronic tools, the organization has benefitted financially by using email. This officer prepares a monthly newsletter that is delivered both by email and by US Postal delivery to club presidents and Board & Council members. The Board &

Council receive a second newsletter so that contact is maintained on monthly bases. The savings in postage is calculated based on still mailing less than 25 newsletters out of 210 messages sent. If we had to mail all of the communications it would cost over \$210.00 per month. Currently the cost is about \$15.00 per month.

The website offers you an opportunity to read or download the Club Presidents newsletter, the GFWC WV Clubwoman Magazine, and state forms for reporting, and project information. Even if you are not a computer expert there are clubwomen who are willing to share their skills. Perhaps you could arrange to have a laptop at a club meeting to share images of the website and Facebook page at a your meeting. Designate a member to download new materials and print one or more copies for members to pick up at the club meeting. It is worth the time and cost to print a few copies to share.

For this officer the 2014 year closed with an exciting visit to Washington D.C. to visit our historic GFWC Headquarters, 1734 N Street. As you are aware, GFWC West Virginia had to cancel the Holiday Bus Tour to Headquarters that had been organized by Barbara Sullivan, GFWC WV Clubwoman Editor. We are very appreciative of her efforts, but we just didn't have enough reservations to support that event. Perhaps at another time of year a bus tour might be possible, but GFWC West Virginia still had a delegation of fifteen ladies who make the trip to the Holiday Reception. Special thanks to Southwestern District President Terri Diamond, Robin Spurlock, and Roselyn Roush for making arrangements for travel, and for inviting the state president and president elect to share in this experience. If you would like to share this experience, check out the pictures and posts on the state Facebook page.

Speaking of TIME, as the days get longer we start looking forward to Spring and the arrival of the GFWC West Virginia Clubwomen at the Greenbrier. Plan to join this officer at the 109th Annual Convention on March 20-21, 2015. The theme of this year's convention is "Inspire A Generation to Service" as we provide many opportunities for you to participate in service projects at a special Junior/General Luncheon, a pajama party supporting the Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and many other special service projects.

Jody Cunningham, GFWC WV President

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Juniorettes supported their community by decorating a candyland-themed float for the Bridgeport Christmas parade. Even though it was chilly these girls threw candy and spread their holiday cheer with smiles and enthusiasm.



This past holiday season, the Bridgeport Juniors held their annual toy drive. The women donated over 150 new toys that were donated to two wonderful causes. Approximately 50 toys went to children of domestic violence victims, with over 100 donated via our local Charlotte's Toy Drive which benefits children staying at the Clarksburg Mission.

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Membership: *A Proud Past and a Promising Future with Friends*

Fall has come and gone and we “Raked in New Friends” and we survived the winter months with “A Flurry of New Friends” doing this seasonal recruitment. Now we must work on how we are going to retain these new members? Clearly define what your club’s mission is and why your projects are important to the community. Establish and maintain an effective system of communicating with your members by creating a telephone tree or email list. Keep club projects fresh and interesting to the entire membership by mixing in some fun. Give all members a voice in planning club activities. Immediately get them active by explaining your club committees and community service programs, and suggest a committee assignment that is compatible with their interest.

Reports have been completed and it’s time to start thinking spring- “Grow New Friends”, March, April and May report by June 1. We can start to grow new friends by inviting our neighbors, friends, co-workers and family for an afternoon tea or an evening social hour and engage them in conversation with GFWC programs and projects. Explain to them

the important of belonging to GFWC, which provides personal enrichment, leadership opportunities and many other benefits. Also provides resources and support to help one better serve their community. Keep the event short, informative and interesting.



When we are growing new friends, let’s not forget our JUNIORETTEs. It’s time to focus on JUNIORETTEs they are our future. We must visit our middle and high schools and explain your club projects and programs and how they can become involve. When mothers see the activities of their daughter’s and their involvement this could lead to forming a new Junior Club or joining the General Club.

Another big issue we’re facing is clubs de-federating. We must stop and ask why. Each district is to appoint a Task Force to see how many clubs were in there district and have de-federated.

Membership is a year round activity and spring is a prime time to recruit new members. We must make changes and clubs must become more flexible. It takes all of us working together to keep this federation alive and thriving.

Helen Moren, 2nd Vice President
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News from the Clubs

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club purchased gifts for 47 residents at two nursing homes in the community. Members purchase items from a wish/need list supplied by the nursing homes. The members prepared bags of candy with Valentine cards for each resident at one home. Plans are being made for members to have bingo with prizes for the home. They recently purchased mattress covers, bed linens, and a 32" screen television for the recreational room at the home.



(l-r) Alegra Wright, Home Life Chairman, Linda Walker, President, and Kim Schaffer, Activity Directory at Eagle Pointe Nursing Home



GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club supported "Go Red for Woman" at the February general meeting. *Escape Under the Kenyan Moon*, a novel dealing with domestic violence, was discussed by the daughter of author, Carole Myrick.

GFWC Pea Ridge Woman's Club members wore orange for "Wear Orange 4 Love" in honor of Teen Domestic Violence Awareness month.



"Go Red for Women" was also celebrated at the February meeting.



The GFWC Woman's Club of Shinnston delivered 22 bags to the Genesis Youth Center before Christmas. Viviane Spagnuolo made bags out of Christmas print material and gave clubmembers a list of toiletry items for the children checking in the center.



Pictured are standing Mary Beth Messinger and Derika Bowyer from the Genesis Youth Center and seated is Viviane Spagnuolo, Woman's Club of Shinnston.

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News from the Clubs —



GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport hasn't let the cold weather slow their endeavors. Members donated toys to the Salvation Army and volunteered at the Angel Tree table in the mall in December. Members donated five large bags of blankets, towels, and rugs to the Humane Society/Animal Control Shelter. The wreaths, garlands, and swags that were sold during the greenery sale were beautiful and the sale did a bit better than last year. Plastic containers and paper towel rolls were collected for the Bridgeport United Methodist After School Program. The club and the Junior club will be celebrating their sixty-fifth birthdays this year. Celebration plans are being made. For the meeting in March Rita Miles will be teaching the craft, "How to Paint a Scarf." The Annual Scholarship Card/Game Party is planned for April. The annual Golf Tournament at Bel Meadow Country Club is in the planning stages.

GFWC WV Woman's Club of Hamlin held a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for the scholarships given to graduating seniors from Lincoln High School. All proceeds from the dinner go for these scholarships. Members are planning for the Red Cross Blood Drive. This event is a very personal event to many in the club because several have received or had loved ones who received lifesaving transfusions.



The Woman's Club of Hamlin members set up Christmas decorations at Hamlin Lion's Club Field for the annual Winterfest of Lights. Each year the club members help usher

Christmas into the community with the lights.



PEGGY MERIMAR

PAST PRESIDENT 2000-2002

Margaret D. "Peggy" Merinar passed away January 29, 2015. Peggy was born Nov. 6, 1935, in Wheeling, WV to the late Ralph B. and Rena Tyson Davis. She was a graduate of Triadelphia High School and attended WVU of Parkersburg.

She married William B. Merinar Jr., July 23, 1960, and moved to Indianapolis, In. where she worked for the W.S. Naval Avionics Facility. In 1965, they moved to Parkersburg, where Peggy worked at Nature Portraits of America. In 1996, she retired as a Realtor from Coldwell Banker, Landmark Realtors.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Williams B. Merinar, her sisters, Mary E. King and Gertrude D. Saliga, sisters-in-laws, Nancy K. Merinar, brother-in-law, David L. Merinar, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Peggy was a dedicated and devoted member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) since joining the Junior Department, Parkersburg Woman's Club. Peggy served as Chairman of the Junior Department, and Chairman of the Junior Department, Western District. Peggy continued her membership in GFWC West Virginia serving as President of the Parkersburg Woman's Club,



the Western District and as GFWC West Virginia President in 2000-2002 administration.

Peggy claims her most enjoyable and rewarding time was serving as GFWC West Virginia State President 2000-2002. Her administration's theme was "Live Today, Cherish Yesterday, Dream Tomorrow". Of special interest during her term, the GFWC WV Endowment Fund was established in March 2002, at the Annual Convention. This fund was created to subsidize the general operating fund of GFWC West Virginia.

Peggy was an active Past President, serving as Chairman of the Endowment Fund through several administrations. During the thirteen years since its formation the investment has continued to grow. The success of the Endowment Fund is a fitting legacy for a president whose dream for GFWC West Virginia was to assure the future.

Officers serving with President Merinar were President elect Tressa Wolfe, First Vice President Sally Kiner, Second Vice President Violet Pastorial, Recording Secretary Shirley Williams, Treasurer Georgianna Tillis, and Junior Director Rosemary Thomas..

News from the Clubs



Capitol WC attends District Convention

Members of the Capitol Woman's Club in Charleston shown attending the Capitol District Convention on October 18, 2014.



L-R - Front Row: Rosana Hinchey, Sharon Walker, Drema Davis. L-R Back Row: Allie King, Kim Sluss, Anna Shahan, Cara Keorner, Linda Redd, Bernice Deakins.



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Members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant recently established a permanent scholarship fund at the Mason County Community Foundation (MCCF) of PACE.

"Our members wanted to create a permanent scholarship fund at the community foundation so our club could provide lasting education support to the youth of our area. Establishing the fund at the community foundation gives us the assurance that this scholarship would be administered with our criteria forever... long after we are gone. This is a great way for our club to make an impact in the lives of our young adults," commented President Roselyn Roush.

Beginning in the spring of 2015 the Club will provide annual scholarship support for current graduates of a Mason County High School (preference will be given to students from Point Pleasant High School) who are pursuing a two or four year degree at a West Virginia college or university.

The Woman's Club of Wheeling held its annual Membership Tea Sept. 19th at Monument Place in Wheeling. Thirteen new members were initiated. In attendance were Helen Moren GFWC West Virginia second vice-president, Dorothy Hawkes, West Virginia Northern District President. Mary



Schertfeger, Follansbee Club President and Patty Fisher, New Comberland President. Hospitality made it a memorable day for all who attended.



News from the Clubs

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club President Linda Walker spoke with young women at Ohio Valley University in Parkersburg about the work of GFWC. She and club member, Barbara Sullivan, handed out literature, encouraged the women to join Federation, and answered questions.



(l-r) Karen Pastuszak and Julia Thompson, GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club members, display Smile Bags and tied fleece blankets the club worked on to send to Operation Smile for children undergoing surgeries.

The Smile bags will be filled with numerous items (i.e. toothpaste/toothbrush, washcloths, soap, shampoo, lotion, small mirrors, small stuffed animals, combs, coloring books and crayons) for the children, donated by club members. Each child is given a blanket/quilt and a Smile Bag to take home following surgery.

GFWC Fayetteville Junior Woman's Club presented a "Go Red Event" in support of the number one cause of death in women.... heart disease. The evening featured a guest speaker. Hors D'oeuvres were served.

The International Outreach Committee of GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club collected shoe boxes the members had filled with toys, hygiene items, clothing, pencils, etc. The boxes will go to children in third world countries.



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2014 was an amazing year for the South Parkersburg Woman's Club (SPWC)! BUSY – is a one-word description, but FUN is a second descriptive word for all of our club activities! We had five members attend the District Conference held at North Bend State Park: Karen Kibble, Pamm Mackey, Karen Dent, Terry Knox, Bernice Johnson, and Barbara Hurst.



We wrapped up many of our holiday activities; i.e., ringing bells for the Salvation Army kettles, feeding more than 150 veterans and five families with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, provided lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers, served cookies and hot chocolate for South's lighting of the lights, and collected gifts and toys for children in need. We also assisted our sister-group (Parkersburg WC) with gift wrapping. Finally, we celebrated our busy schedule with a dinner at DaVinci's in Williamstown and then toured the historic Henderson Hall. What a GREAT way to end 2014!

We started the New Year off in fine fashion with 6 new members and are ready to go and make a difference in the community during 2015.

Family Crisis Center Aided by Williamstown members

The GFWC Williamstown Woman's Club Domestic Violence committee packed 92 overnight emergency bags and 54 children's bags on Oct 28. The donations were made to The Family Crisis Intervention Center in honor of October, Domestic Violence Awareness month. Toys, children's clothing and blankets, hygiene items, etc. were some of the items packed for the adults or for the children.

Pictured at Right: From left, Shirley Morris, Mary Ward, Phyllis Dye, Marilyn Burge, Chairman; Jill Maston, Sharon Chambers, and Sheila Jackson. Not pictured was Pat Calebaugh.





News from the Clubs

GFWC Harrisville Woman's Club was the host club at the Western District Convention. The Club is celebrating 90 years of service to the area. A birthday cake was shared with other district clubs.



GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant and GFWC Tu-Endie-Wei Woman's Club jointly purchased "The Public Art of Robert Dafford" during the book signing event at the Point Pleasant River Museum and Learning Center on December 6th, and donated it to the Mason County Public Library. Upon learning his book would be donated, Mr. Dafford wrote a dedication "to the people of Point Pleasant" above his signature.



Pictured are Julie Bibbee, GFWC Tu-Endie-Wei President, Amy Thompson, library clerk, and Roselyn Roush, GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant President.

At Right: Pictured at the GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant Christmas dinner are Club members who donated stuffed animals for the Fire Department.

The Education Committee of GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club welcomed Senator Donna Boley and Angela Summers to the fall meeting. After a light luncheon, Senator Boley spoke on Common Core in our public schools. She voiced her concerns and discussed her plans to make changes. Ms. Summers spoke of concerns in education since the introduction of Common Core.



l-r Angela Summers, Julie Folwell, Education Chairman, Senator Donna Boley, Linda Walker, President

Pictured are the three "People Choice Award" winners in the GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant Holiday Tree/Wreath contest.





Elkins Woman's Club helps fund youth project

13 Feb 2015 — The Inter-Mountain

Officials from the Woman's Club of Elkins and its Committee for Domestic Violence presented YHS with a check in the amount of \$250 to pay for the printing of the Domestic Violence prevention coloring workbook at the center on Thursday. The committee raised money by holding a raffle for a basket filled with offerings such as local honey, coffee and wine, regionally crafted pottery and other locally made items. Lori Debacco was the winner of the drawing. The club provided original funding for the books in 2009, along with a grant from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The workbooks are used by children in therapy at the center and by other organizations like Women's Aid in Crisis or within local schools to be distributed to children who stand to benefit from the program. "If you look at the book you'll see things like psycho-education around what domestic violence might look like or might feel like. It gives kids the opportunity to look at ways they might feel supported in their family as well as times when there might be fears there," she said. "It also helps them to move towards setting up a safety plan."



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Many members of the Education Department in the Woman's Club of Wheeling are active in the reading program for Ohio County. These members read to different classes in the Elementary School System. Also books were given to students who do not have any reading material at home.

Because the members are not professionally prepared to help the children at the Augusta Levy Learning Center, the collected supplies that the center has listed on their Wish List. The Augusta Levy Learning Center is for children with autism. Articles on their Wish List are manila folders, timers, copy paper, toilet paper, paper towels, clorox wipes,



Betty Rippey, Chairman of the Education Department, collecting supplies for the Wish List for the Augusta Levy Learning Center.

batteries, scotch tape, packing tape, index cards, etc.

The members of the Education Department collect used magazines from the members of the Woman's Club of Wheeling at each meeting. The magazines are then taken to the Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Peterson Rehabilitation Hospital and the Ohio Valley Medical Center.

On Left: Lexie Hanket reading to members of the first grade at McNich Elementary School.

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The Conservation Committee of GFWC Elk Valley Woman's Club will be doing a cleanup of the gardens at Bridge Elementary and Herbert Hoover High Schools. Members of the Home Life Committee prepared a dinner for the Ronald McDonald House in January and in February. Two hundred twelve pumpkin rolls and seventy-seven bags of Chex mix was made as a fund raising project. Items are being collected for the Cooking Basket that will be donated to the Friends of the Library and will be auctioned in April. The funds from the Basket raffle helps to raise funds for children's programs in the Kanawha County libraries.

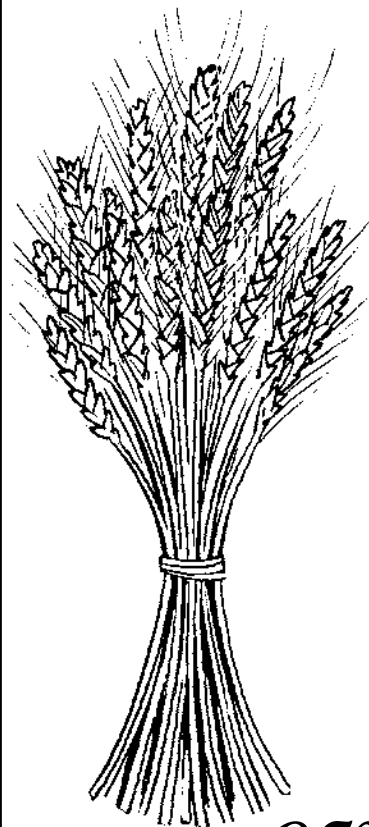
Peterstown Woman's Club kick starts the Holiday Season

Members of Peterstown Woman's Club are a proud sponsor of the annual Christmas parade.

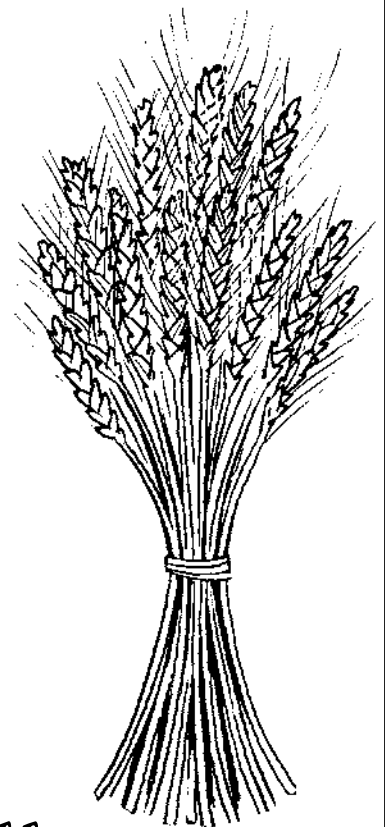


On Left: Members made quilts to give to children who are battling cancer. Quilts are donated to Emma's Touch (Organization for Fighting Childhood Cancer)

Grocery coupons are being collected for military families until April.



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GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins



News from the Clubs

GFWC WV Belle Woman's Club members brought items from their "craftsy goody bag" to the February meeting. Items will be used for St. Patrick's Day cards for the residents of the Glasgow Nursing Home.

Members also brought Valentine cards to randomly share with other club members. Pajamas for the Pajama Party being held at the State Convention were collected.

A concentrated effort on membership will be a highlight of the April meeting, along with a Pampered Chef demonstration. Membership and food...always a good twosome. Refreshments will be furnished for Belle Pickers Night in April and the club will sell food. Consideration is being given to a purchase of a rod and reel for a raffle.

Bingo night remains a part of each month with the residents of Glasgow Nursing Home.

Books were brought for the book tree for Belle Elementary Kindergarten students. Members prepared food for the Mount Olive workers.

GFWC WV Peterstown Woman's Club added three new members. The Club welcomes them to the fellowship of Federation.



GFWC WV Peterstown Woman's Club honored twenty-five year members. Mildred McKenzie, President Debra Dalton, Phyllis Chinault, Lisa Meadows)



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At the annual summer workshop, colorful bags of art supplies were awarded to several recipients throughout the state with the understanding they would be given to art teachers in elementary schools.



Lexie Hanket of the Woman's Club of Wheeling received one of these bags. She recently presented it to Lisa Tomer, art teacher at McNinch Elementary School..

News from the Clubs



GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club welcomed new members last fall. Since this picture was submitted two new members, Debbie McKnight and Barbara Pellegrin, have been added.



l-r) Christine Henry, Membership Chairman, Betsy Jefferson, Sue Noe, International Outreach Chairman and mother of new member Gaye, President Linda Walker, Debbie Sasyn, Sharon Sheridan, Kathy Roedesheimer, Carolyn Williams and Gaye Jarvis. Missing from this group Effie Ayers and Kari Lowe.

GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins is collecting art materials each month to be given to a Randolph County Elementary School for the President's Special Project "Pennies for the Arts." Pennies are also being collected for the project. An arts contest was held at EHS. The first place entry by Cole Hopwood will be submitted to the state contest at the Greenbrier. The students at Beverly School are also collecting pennies for the project. The winning classrooms will receive Walmart gift cards to purchase classroom games. Four hundred sixty dollars was made by the Christmas International Bazaar items and the money was donated to a mission project whose goal is to save and rescue women from enslavement, trafficking, and poverty. The Domestic Violence Awareness Committee raised \$204 with their basket raffle. The Pearl Buck Committee will be holding a "tasting" by Chef Mel at D & E.

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Over 2,000 high schools across the country tuned into "The Biggest Assembly Ever" on a Wednesday afternoon. This is a national "mean stinks" campaign to stomp out cyber bullying.

A live streaming anti-bullying assembly was watched by girls and Parkersburg High School was 1 of 15 schools across the country selected to be in the assembly through a live feed. The assembly, called The. Biggest. Assembly. Ever., is in its second year and part of the Mean Stinks program sponsored by Secret deodorant, said Judy Parrish, Western District President and teacher at Parkersburg High School.

Keenan West hosted the assembly and PHS had over 900 female students watching. West talked about cyber bullying between girls and what it looks like, how to handle it and how to make sure it never happens again. It's a quest to change schools all across the country and become "The Nicest School in America." GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club supplied lunch for the panel and guests.



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News from the Clubs



On left: GFWC WV Rupert Woman's Club held a "meet the candidates" night. Greenbrier Candidates waiting their turn to speak for the office they were running for: State Senate, House of Delegates, County Commission, County Clerk. MC was Bill Wallace, former House of Delegates. Candidates and those attending enjoyed homemade cookies and punch following the speaking provided by the woman's club!

At Right: GFWC WV Woman's Club of Dunbar was entertained by the Almost Heaven Chorus at the December meeting. A dollar auction was held and members brought toys for Heart and Hand.



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(back) Irma Cadle, exhibitor; front (l-r) Drema Fewell, GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club member and Ruth Carroll, President, GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club discuss the club sponsored Christmas Craft Fair as they visit various vendor tables. The front table is that of Hazel French, Welch Woman's Club and past GFWCWV Southern District President. Hazel traveled to Rupert on Nov. 8, 2014 bringing Miche handbags to add to our list of vendors. Thanks to new and returning vendors and buyers for a successful event.

(l-r) Miranda Warren, Office Attendant, Greenbrier County Humane Society receives a check for full sponsorship of one animal, presented by Kaysha Burkholder, GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club. This sponsorship includes flea treatment/bath, toenail clipping, vaccinations, worming, and spaying/neutering for one animal. Adoption is free for whoever uses the sponsorship. GFWCWV encourages savings animals by adopting from the Humane Society.



GFWC West Virginia members traveled to Washington, D C to Headquarters for the Holiday Open House. They stayed in the area for two nights. Babs Congdon, GFWC President, and Cathy Jo Canterbury, GFWC Junior Director, welcomed club members to Headquarters.



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Service Opportunities at 109th Annual Convention

The 109th Annual Convention will be held on March 20 – 21, 2015. A convention highlight is the visit by the GFWC International President, Babs Condon. At the Friday evening session club women will hear the Keynote Address from President Condon. During the weekend club women are invited to participate in service opportunities at different events. Following the Friday evening session club women are invited to a Pajama Party to benefit the Family Refuge Center with a donation of new pajamas for children or adults. All donations will be appreciated. The Pajama Party will be held in the Congressional Suite. Roselyn Roush, GFWC WV Chairman of the GFWC Signature Project, will be hosting the event with the help of the district team members.

Saturday, March 21st, the first Junior/General Luncheon will be held in the Crystal Dining room. The program will feature GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Cathy Jo Canterbury speaking on the GFWC Junior Special Project, Advocates for Children. There will be an Awards session held at the luncheon, so club women will want to come to the luncheon for the awards session. A service project during the luncheon will be to support the regional Children's Home Society of West Virginia donations. Club women are asked to bring donations youth makeup productions and hair care accessories for young ladies. The type of accessory products would be hair bows, head bands, and other items. There will be

baskets in the luncheon room for donations to be collects.


The third opportunity will be a donation to the State Special Project: Pennies for Arts. From Penny Rolls to paper, all donations are welcome. These donations can be from individual or groups. Challenge your membership to a "pennies" war or fun activity to encourage collection. There will be collection containers at the GFWC West Virginia fundraising table. Remember that participation is optional but most welcome.

Finally, we are Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of GFWC with several activities. The Districts have prepared display boards with "historic reminiscences". The GFWC West Virginia Historian, Patty Miser will be presenting "historic moments of GFWC West Virginia" during each of the sessions. Club women are asked to support the 125th Celebration of GFWC by wearing a hat, or costume representing a decade, a project, or program the club women supports. During the Saturday luncheon there will parade celebrating the 125th Anniversary. Be sure to carry a small sign to identify what the costume represents, for example "GFWC & Women's Suffrage Movement". Some club women may want to dress as a notable GFWC clubwoman of the past. Whatever your inspiration for volunteering with GFWC, share it with others.



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